Identification of households below poverty line in States

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the number of below poverty line households for States and has told them not to exceed this limit while conducting the census to identify such families;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Rural Development guidelines have set limits on the number of families to be benefited;

(c) whether it directed that BPL households may be identified in such a way that the total of persons does not exceed the number estimated by the Planning Commission for the year 1999-2000; and

(d) if so, to what extend, the States have implemented this directive?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has reported that the Government has fixed the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) households for States and has told them not to exceed this limit while conducting the Census to identify such families. Further, they have reported that the number of persons identified through the BPL Census 2002, may not exceed the number of persons living below the poverty line as estimated by the Planning Commission for 1999-2000 for the rural sector or the number of persons as per the Adjusted Share Computed by the Planning Commission, whichever is higher. An additional 10% has also been permitted to account for the transient poor. The Ministry of Rural Development has advised States/Union Territories to complete the BPL Census 2002 by 31st March, 2003.

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.by pleased to state: